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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend original Claims 8, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 20, and add new Claims 21-126, as follows. The entire text of new claims 21-126 is underlined, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.173(b) and (d).

8. (currently amended) A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 1, wherein a material, which is thermally decomposable and, in a [non-decomposable] non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the copolymer, which is an aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is used in combination with the copolymer as the composition forming the layer (A).

9. (currently amended) A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 8, wherein the [substance] material, which is thermally decomposable and, in the [non-decomposable] non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is selected from onium salt, quinonediazide compound, aromatic sulfone compound and aromatic sulfonate compound.

10. (currently amended) A positive [A positive] type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 8, wherein the [substance] material, which is thermally decomposable and, in the [non-decomposable] non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous

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alkali-soluble polymer compound, contains at least one of [compound a] compound (II) or (III) represented by the following formula:



wherein R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different, and R^1 and R^2 each represent a substituted or non-substituted alkyl, alkenyl or aryl group.

12. (currently amended): A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 1, wherein the compound which generates heat upon absorbing light contained in said layer (B) is selected from the group consisting of [the] pigments [or the] and dyes.

13. (currently amended): A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group contained in said layer (B) is a novolak resin selected from [novolak resins such as] the group consisting of phenol formaldehyde resin, m-cresol formaldehyde resin, p-cresol formaldehyde resin, m-/p-mixed cresol formaldehyde resin, and phenol/cresol [(any of m-, p- or m-/p-mixed)] mixed formaldehyde resin comprising at least one of m-cresol formaldehyde resin, p-cresol formaldehyde resin, and m-/p-mixed cresol formaldehyde resin.

20. (currently amended): A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, comprising:

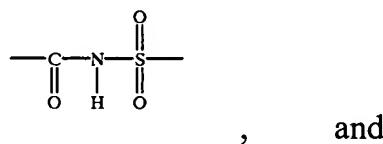
a substrate;

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a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of a copolymer which contains, as a copolymerization component, not less than 10% by mol of at least one of the following monomers (a-1) to (a-3):

- (a-1) a monomer having in the molecule a sulfonamide group wherein at least one hydrogen atom is linked to a nitrogen atom,
- (a-2) a monomer having in the molecule an active imino group represented by the following general formula (I):

(I)



, and

- (a-3) a monomer selected from acrylamide, methacrylamide, acrylate, methacrylate and hydroxystyrene, which respectively have a phenolic hydroxyl group; and

a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group, said layer (A) and said layer (B) being laminated on said substrate in that order, wherein at least said layer (B) contains at least one compound which generates heat upon absorbing light, and wherein said material can be [exosed] exposed to white light and thereafter remain useful as an image-forming material.

21. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 17, wherein the compound which generates heat upon absorbing light contained in said layer (B) is selected from the group consisting of pigments and dyes; and wherein said layer (A) further comprises a material, which is

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thermally decomposable and, in a non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the copolymer in the layer (A), said copolymer being an aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound.

22. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 21, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the copolymer of layer (A).

23. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 21, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

24. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 23, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

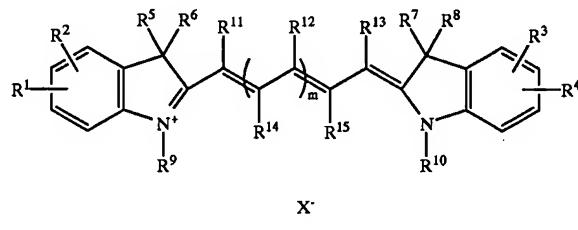
25. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 21, wherein said material which generates heat upon absorbing light in layer (B) is an infrared-absorbing dye compound.

26. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 25, wherein said infrared-absorbing dye compound in layer (B) is a cyanine dye compound.

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27. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 26, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (B) is represented by formula (XII):

(XII)



wherein:

R¹ to R⁴ each independently represents an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkoxy group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group, each having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; and R¹ and R², R³ and R⁴ may be linked to form a ring;

R⁵ to R¹⁰ each independently represents an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group;

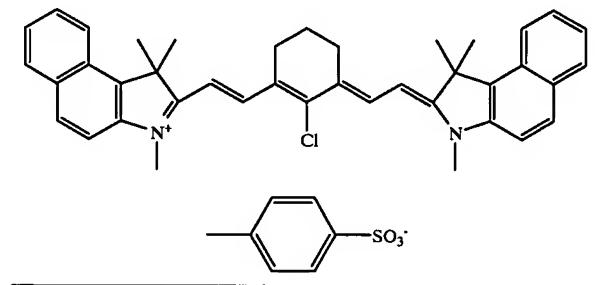
R¹¹ to R¹³ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹² may be linked to R¹¹ or R¹³ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹² groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring;

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R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹⁴ may be linked to R¹⁵ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹⁴ groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring; and

X⁻ represents an anion.

28. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 27, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (B) is cyanine dye A represented by the following formula:



29. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 27, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the copolymer of layer (A).

30. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 27, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow

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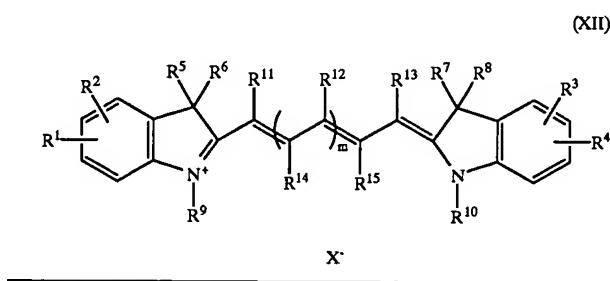
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31. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 30, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

32. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 21, wherein said infrared-sensitive layer (A) contains an infrared-absorbing dye compound.

33. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 32, wherein said infrared-absorbing dye compound in layer (A) is a cyanine dye compound.

34. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 33, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (A) is represented by formula (XII):



wherein:

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R¹ to R⁴ each independently represents an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkoxy group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group, each having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; and R¹ and R², R³ and R⁴ may be linked to form a ring;

R⁵ to R¹⁰ each independently represents an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group;

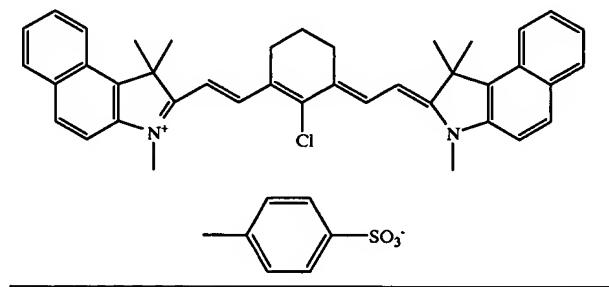
R¹¹ to R¹³ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹² may be linked to R¹¹ or R¹³ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹² groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring;

R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹⁴ may be linked to R¹⁵ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹⁴ groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring; and

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35. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 34, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (B) is cyanine dye A represented by the following formula:



36. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 34, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the copolymer of layer (A).

37. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 34, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

38. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 37, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

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39. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 21, wherein said substrate comprises a polyester film or an aluminum plate.

40. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to any one of claims 21-39, wherein the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group contained in said layer (B) is a novolak resin.

41. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 40, wherein the novolak resin is selected from the group consisting of phenol formaldehyde resin, m-cresol formaldehyde resin, p-cresol formaldehyde resin, m-/p-mixed cresol formaldehyde resin, and phenol/cresol mixed formaldehyde resin comprising at least one of m-cresol formaldehyde resin, p-cresol formaldehyde resin, and m-/p-mixed cresol formaldehyde resin.

42. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 40, wherein the material, which is thermally decomposable and, in the non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is contained in at least layer (A) and is selected from onium salt, quinonediazide compound, aromatic sulfone compound, and aromatic sulfonate compound.

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43. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 42, wherein the material, which is thermally decomposable and, in the non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is an ammonium salt.

44. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 40, wherein the material, which is thermally decomposable and, in the non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is contained in at least layer (A) and is an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

45. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 44, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

46. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 1,

wherein said substrate comprises an aluminum plate,

wherein in layer (A) the copolymer comprises monomer (a-1), and layer (A) further contains a cyanine dye and an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue

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BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue, and

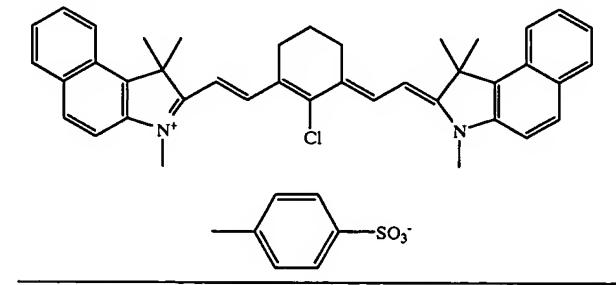
wherein in layer (B) the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin is a novolak resin, and

layer (B) further contains a cyanine dye and at least one onium salt.

47. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 46, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

48. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 46,

wherein in layers (A) and (B) the cyanine dye is cyanine dye A represented by the following formula:



the oil soluble dye or basic dye in layer (A) is Ethyl Violet, and

the onium salt in layer (B) is an ammonium salt.

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49. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, comprising:

a substrate;

a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, and a material which generates heat upon absorbing light, and

a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group, said layer (B) being laminated directly on said layer (A) formed on said substrate,

wherein at least said layer (B) contains at least one infrared-absorbing dye compound which generates heat upon absorbing light.

50. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 49, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound of layer (A).

51. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 49, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

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52. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 51, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

53. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 49, wherein said layer (A) and said layer (B) are infrared-sensitive.

54. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 53, wherein said material which generates heat upon absorbing light in layer (A) is an infrared-absorbing dye compound.

55. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 54, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound of layer (A).

56. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 54, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

57. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 56, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected

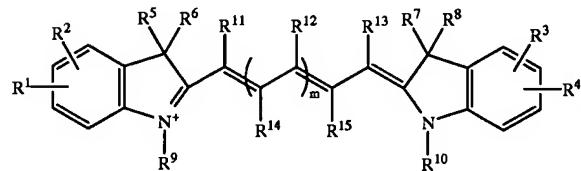
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from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

58. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 49, wherein said infrared-absorbing dye compound in layer (B) is a cyanine dye compound.

59. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 58, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (B) is represented by formula (XII):

(XII)



X^m

wherein:

R¹ to R⁴ each independently represents an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkoxy group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group, each having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; and R¹ and R², R³ and R⁴ may be linked to form a ring;

R⁵ to R¹⁰ each independently represents an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group;

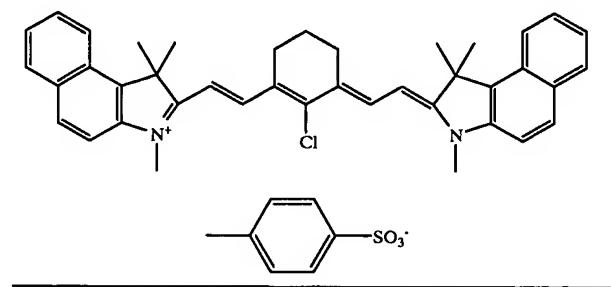
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R¹¹ to R¹³ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹² may be linked to R¹¹ or R¹³ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹² groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring;

R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹⁴ may be linked to R¹⁵ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹⁴ groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring; and

X⁻ represents an anion.

60. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 59, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (B) is cyanine dye A represented by the following formula:



61. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 59, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-

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soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound of layer (A).

62. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 59, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

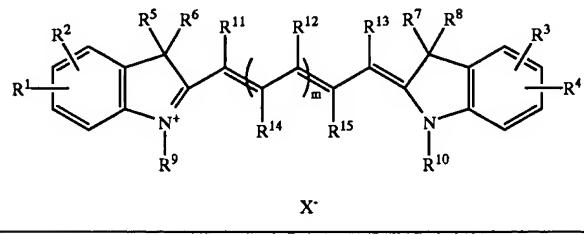
63. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 62, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

64. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 54, wherein said infrared-absorbing dye compound in layer (A) is a cyanine dye compound.

65. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 64, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (A) is represented by formula (XII):

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(XII)



wherein:

R¹ to R⁴ each independently represents an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkoxy group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group, each having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; and R¹ and R², R³ and R⁴ may be linked to form a ring;

R⁵ to R¹⁰ each independently represents an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group;

R¹¹ to R¹³ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹² may be linked to R¹¹ or R¹³ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹² groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring;

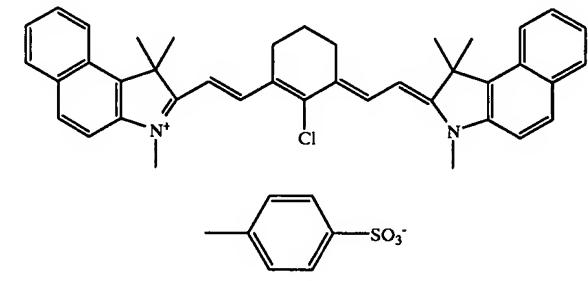
R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹⁴ may be linked to R¹⁵ to

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form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹⁴ groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring; and

X⁻ represents an anion.

66. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 65, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (B) is cyanine dye A represented by the following formula:



67. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 65, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound of layer (A).

68. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 65, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

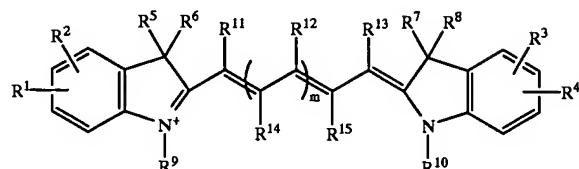
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69. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 68, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

70. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 54, wherein said infrared-absorbing dye compounds in layers (A) and (B) are cyanine dye compounds.

71. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 70, wherein said cyanine dye compounds are represented by formula (XII):

(XII)



wherein:

R¹ to R⁴ each independently represents an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkoxy group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group, each having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; and R¹ and R², R³ and R⁴ may be linked to form a ring;

R⁵ to R¹⁰ each independently represents an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or

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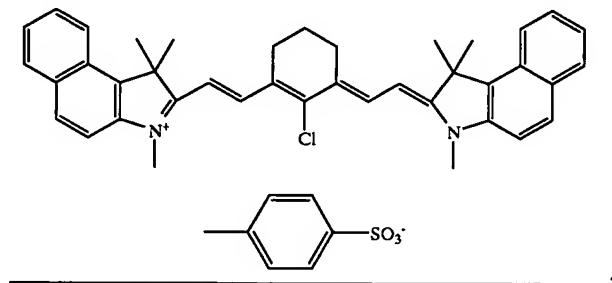
substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group;

R¹¹ to R¹³ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹² may be linked to R¹¹ or R¹³ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹² groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring;

R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹⁴ may be linked to R¹⁵ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹⁴ groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring; and

X⁻ represents an anion.

72. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 71, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (B) is cyanine dye A represented by the following formula:



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73. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 71, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound of layer (A).

74. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 71, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

75. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 74, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

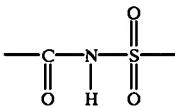
76. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 49, wherein said aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is a copolymer which contains, as a copolymerization component, not less than 10% by mol of at least one of the following monomers (a-1) to (a-3):

(a-1) a monomer having in the molecule a sulfonamide group wherein at least one hydrogen atom is linked to a nitrogen atom,

(a-2) a monomer having in the molecule an active imino group represented by the following general formula (I):

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(I)



and

(a-3) a monomer selected from acrylamide, methacrylamide, acrylate, methacrylate and hydroxystyrene, which respectively have a phenolic hydroxyl group.

77. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 76, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound of layer (A).

78. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 76, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

79. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 78, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

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80. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 49, wherein said layer (A) comprises a thermally decomposable material which, in a non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound.

81. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 80, wherein said material, which is thermally decomposable and, in the non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is selected from onium salt, quinonediazide compound, aromatic sulfone compound and aromatic sulfonate compound.

82. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 81, wherein a solvent for the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin of layer (B) cannot dissolve the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound of layer (A).

83. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 81, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

84. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 83, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected

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from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

85. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 49, wherein said substrate comprises a polyester film or an aluminum plate.

86. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to any one of claims 49-85, wherein the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group contained in said layer (B) is a novolak resin.

87. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 86, wherein the novolak resin is selected from the group consisting of phenol formaldehyde resin, m-cresol formaldehyde resin, p-cresol formaldehyde resin, m-/p-mixed cresol formaldehyde resin, and phenol/cresol mixed formaldehyde resin comprising at least one of m-cresol formaldehyde resin, p-cresol formaldehyde resin, and m-/p-mixed cresol formaldehyde resin.

88. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 86, wherein the material, which is thermally decomposable and, in the non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is contained in at least layer

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(A) and is selected from onium salt, quinonediazide compound, aromatic sulfone compound, and aromatic sulfonate compound.

89. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 88, wherein the material, which is thermally decomposable and, in the non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is an ammonium salt.

90. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 86, wherein the material, which is thermally decomposable and, in the non-decomposed state, is capable of substantially lowering the solubility of the aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, is contained in at least layer (A) and is an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

91. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 90, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

92. A photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, comprising:

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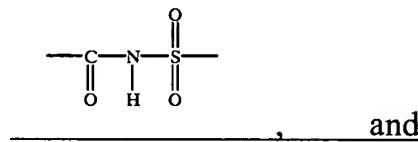
a substrate:

a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of a copolymer which contains, as a copolymerization component, not less than 10% by mol of at least one of the following monomers (a-1) to (a-3):

(a-1) a monomer having in the molecule a sulfonamide group wherein at least one hydrogen atom is linked to a nitrogen atom,

(a-2) a monomer having in the molecule an active imino group represented by the following general formula (I):

(I)



(a-3) a monomer selected from acrylamide, methacrylamide, acrylate, methacrylate and hydroxystyrene, which respectively have a phenolic hydroxyl group; and

a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group, said layer (B) being laminated directly on said layer (A) formed on said substrate, wherein at least said layer (B) contains at least one compound which generates heat upon absorbing light,

wherein the compound which generates heat upon absorbing light contained in said layer (B) is infrared-sensitive and selected from the group consisting of pigments and dyes, and

wherein the image-forming material is a negative image-forming material.

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93. A photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 92, wherein said layers (A) and (B) are infrared-sensitive.

94. A photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 93, wherein the compound which generates heat upon absorbing light contained in said layer (B) is a cyanine dye compound.

95. A photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 94, wherein at least one of layers (A) and (B) further contains an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

96. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 95, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

97. A photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 95, wherein the aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group contained in said layer (B) is a novolak resin.

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98. A photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to any one of claims 92-97, wherein the negative image-forming material further contains in at least one of layers (A) and (B) a material which crosslinks in the presence of an acid.

99. A photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 98, wherein the material which crosslinks in the presence of an acid is selected from the group consisting of (i) a compound having two or more hydroxymethyl groups or alkoxyethyl groups, epoxy groups or vinyl ether groups, which bond to a benzene ring, (ii) a compound having a N-hydroxymethyl group, N-alkoxyethyl group or N-acyloxyethyl group, and (iii) epoxy compounds.

100. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, comprising:

a substrate having thereon in this order:

a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of a copolymer which contains, as a copolymerization component, at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of the following monomers (1) to (12):

- (1) an acrylate or methacrylate having an aliphatic hydroxyl group,
- (2) an alkyl acrylate,
- (3) an alkyl methacrylate,
- (4) an acrylamide or methacrylamide,
- (5) a vinyl ether,

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(6) a vinyl ester,
(7) a styrene,
(8) a vinyl ketone,
(9) an olefin,
(10) N-vinyl pyrrolidone, N-vinyl carbazole, 4-vinyl pyridine,
acrylonitrile, or methacrylonitrile,
(11) an unsaturated imide, and
(12) an unsaturated carboxylic acid; and
a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of a novolak resin.

101. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 100, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises at least one compound which generates heat upon absorbing light.

102. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 101, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

103. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 102, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is

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selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

104. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, comprising:

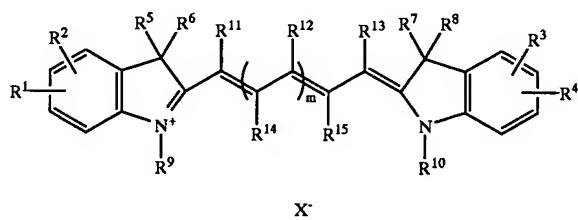
a substrate having thereon in this order:

a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali-soluble polymer; and

a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group,

wherein at least one of the layer (A) and the layer (B) contains a compound which generates heat upon absorbing light that is represented by the formula (XII):

(XII)



wherein:

R¹ to R⁴ each independently represents an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an alkoxy group, a cycloalkyl group or an aryl group, each having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; and R¹ and R², R³ and R⁴ may be linked to form a ring;

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R⁵ to R¹⁰ each independently represents an alkyl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms or an aryl group having 1 to 12 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitryl group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group;

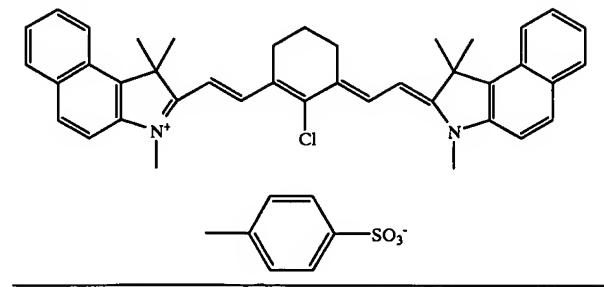
R¹¹ to R¹³ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹² may be linked to R¹¹ or R¹³ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹² groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring;

R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ each independently represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with a halogen atom, a carbonyl group, a nitro group, a nitrile group, a sulfonyl group, a carboxyl group, a carboxylate group, or a sulfonate group; R¹⁴ may be linked to R¹⁵ to form a ring; m is an integer of 1 to 8, and when m is 2 or more, plural R¹⁴ groups, which may be the same or different, may be linked to form a ring; and

X⁻ represents an anion.

105. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 104, wherein said cyanine dye compound in layer (B) is cyanine dye A represented by the following formula:

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106. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, comprising:

a substrate having thereon in this order:

a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali-soluble polymer, and

a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group,

wherein the layer (B) contains a surfactant.

107. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 106, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises at least one compound which generates heat upon absorbing light.

108. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 107, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue

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#603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

109. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 108, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

110. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, comprising:

a substrate having thereon in this order:

a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of a copolymer which contains, as a copolymerization component, at least one monomer selected from an unsaturated imide, methacrylamide, and an unsaturated carboxylic acid; and

a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of a novolak resin;

wherein said layer (A) comprises a cyanine dye and said layer (B) comprises an Ethyl Violet dye.

111. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, which is produced by a method comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate;

coating a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali-soluble polymer on the substrate; and

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coating a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group on the layer (A) using a solvent which does not dissolve the layer (A).

112. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 111, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises at least one compound which generates heat upon absorbing light.

113. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 112, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

114. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 113, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

115. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, comprising:

a substrate having thereon in this order:

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a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali-soluble polymer; and

a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group;

wherein a coated amount of the layer (A) is from 1.4 to 4.0 g/m².

116. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 115, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises at least one compound which generates heat upon absorbing light.

117. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 116, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

118. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 117, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

119. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, which is produced by a method comprising the steps of

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providing a substrate,

coating a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali-soluble polymer on the substrate,

coating a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group on the layer (A), and

drying the coated layer (B) by applying a high-pressure air flow or heat provided by a heating roll.

120. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 119, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises at least one compound which generates heat upon absorbing light.

121. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 120, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

122. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 121, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

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123. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser, comprising:

a substrate;

a layer (A) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali-soluble polymer compound, and a material which generates heat upon absorbing light, and

a layer (B) containing not less than 50% by weight of an aqueous alkali solution-soluble resin having a phenolic hydroxyl group, said layer (B) being laminated directly on said layer (A) formed on said substrate.

124. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 123, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises at least one compound which generates heat upon absorbing light.

125. A positive type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 124, wherein at least one of layer (A) and layer (B) comprises an oil-soluble dye or basic dye selected from the group consisting of Oil Yellow #101, Oil Yellow #103, Oil Pink #312, Oil Green BG, Oil Blue BOS, Oil Blue #603, Oil Black BY, Oil Black BS, Oil Black T-505, Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, Ethyl Violet, Rhodamine B, Malachite Green, and Methylene Blue.

126. A positive-type photosensitive image-forming material for use with an infrared laser according to claim 125, wherein said oil-soluble dye or basic dye is selected from the group consisting of Victoria Pure Blue, Crystal Violet, Methyl Violet, and Ethyl Violet.

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STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.173(c), applicants provide the following statement of the status as of the date of the present amendment of all patent claims and of all added claims, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims.

A. Status of patent claims and added claims

Claim 1	PENDING	ORIGINAL
Claim 2	PENDING	ORIGINAL
Claim 3	PENDING	ORIGINAL
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B. Support for new claims

Claim 21	col. 4, lines 50-57; col. 9, lines 33-40; col. 15, lines 19-21; original Claims 8 and 12
Claim 22	col. 20, lines 8-13
Claim 23	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
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Claim 28	col. 18, lines 39-59
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Claim 31	col. 12, lines 64-65
Claim 32	col. 15, lines 12-21; col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 3
Claim 33	col. 17, lines 4-36; col. 18, lines 39-43
Claim 34	col. 17, line 4, through col. 18, line 19; col. 18, line 39, through col. 19, line 35
Claim 35	col. 18, lines 39-59
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Claim 43	col. 9, lines 43-49
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Claim 53	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 36; col. 18, lines 39-59; Example 1 at col. 41; original Claim 17
Claim 54	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 36; col. 18, lines 39-59; Example 1 at col. 41
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Claim 57	col. 12, lines 64-65
Claim 58	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 36; col. 18, lines 39-59; Example 1 at col. 41
Claim 59	col. 17, line 4, through col. 18, line 19; col. 18, line 39, through col. 19, line 35
Claim 60	col. 18, lines 39-59
Claim 61	col. 20, lines 8-13
Claim 62	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
Claim 63	col. 12, lines 64-65
Claim 64	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 36; col. 18, lines 39-59; Example 1 at col. 41
Claim 65	col. 17, line 4, through col. 18, line 19; col. 18, line 39, through col. 19, line 35
Claim 66	col. 18, lines 39-59
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Claim 70	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 36; col. 18, lines 39-59; Example 1 at col. 41
Claim 71	col. 17, line 4, through col. 18, line 19; col. 18, line 39, through col. 19, line 35
Claim 72	col. 18, lines 39-59
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Claim 74	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
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Claim 88	col. 9, lines 33-42; col. 19, lines 43-48; original Claims 8-9
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Claim 90	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
Claim 91	col. 12, lines 64-65
Claim 92	col. 3, line 54, through col. 4, line 7; col. 13, lines 24-27; col. 14, lines 56-60; col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 36; col. 19, lines 48-51; col. 34, lines 42-53
Claim 93	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 36; col. 18, lines 39-59; Example 1 at col. 41; original Claim 17
Claim 94	col. 18, lines 39-59
Claim 95	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
Claim 96	col. 12, lines 64-65
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Claim 100	col. 6, line 24, through col. 7, line 52; col. 14, lines 56-67; col. 34, lines 42-57
Claim 101	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 3
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Claim 106	col. 7, lines 42-53; col. 12, lines 16-22; col. 14, lines 56-67; col. 19, lines 43-48; col. 34, lines 42-53
Claim 107	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 3
Claim 108	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
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Claim 111	col. 7, lines 42-52; col. 14, lines 50-55 and 56-67; col. 20, lines 6-27; col. 34, lines 42-53
Claim 112	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 3
Claim 113	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
Claim 114	col. 12, lines 64-65
Claim 115	col. 7, lines 42-53; col. 14, lines 50-55 and 56-67; col. 34, lines 42-53; Example 1 at col. 41; original Claim 5
Claim 116	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 3
Claim 117	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
Claim 118	col. 12, lines 64-65
Claim 119	col. 7, lines 42-52; col. 14, lines 56-67; col. 20, lines 28-36; col. 34, lines 42-53
Claim 120	col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 3
Claim 121	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
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Claim 123	col. 7, lines 42-52; col. 14, lines 56-67; col. 16, line 66, through col. 17, line 3; col. 34, lines 42-53
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Claim 125	col. 12, lines 57-67; col. 19, lines 43-48
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